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For: MULTI-MER PEPTIDES DERIVED FROM HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE
PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE AND VACCINATION PURPOSES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449, filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on October 16, 2003, to the undersigned. A copy of the same was not received with the Office Action dated September 9, 2004 or previously. The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of September 9, 2004.

The Examiner is requested to confirm the acceptance of the drawings filed with the application on October 16, 2003, or otherwise provide specific objection or rejection of the same.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the applicants claim for foreign and domestic priorities as the Office Action of September 9, 2004 does not include the same. The Examiner is also requested to acknowledge receipt of the European priority


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Respectfully submitted,

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